

VERIFIED: Republicans are Misleading the American People on #TrumpCare

TrumpCare Would Allow Insurers to Discriminate Against Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions

As House Republican leaders continue to scramble for votes to pass their TrumpCare bill, Speaker Ryan claimed the MacArthur Amendment would keep in place protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions:



Paul Ryan
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VERIFIED: MacArthur Amendment strengthens AHCA, protects people with pre-existing conditions.

Who is verified if that's the case? Not these health care provider organizations or patient advocates:

Physicians, including the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American College of Physicians: "...Insurers in such states would once again be allowed to charge unaffordable premiums to people with preexisting conditions..." [4/26/17]

American Medical Association: "There is also no certainty that the requirement for states to have some kind of reinsurance or high-risk pool mechanism to help such individuals will be sufficient to provide for affordable health insurance or prevent discrimination against individuals with certain high-cost medical conditions." [4/27/17]

Patient advocates, including the American Cancer Action Network, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, American Lung Association: "The individuals and families we represent cannot go back to a time when people with pre-existing conditions could be denied coverage or forced to choose between purchasing basic necessities and affording their health care coverage... we oppose the latest draft of AHCA." [5/1/17]

AARP: "...Changes... would allow states to waive important consumer protections – such as allowing insurance companies to once again charge Americans with pre-existing conditions more because they've had cancer, diabetes or heart disease -- would make this bad bill even worse." [4/26/17]

Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA): "The recent amendments to the bill... are even more disastrous for people who have just gotten health care. Changing the current rules to undermine essential benefits requirements and protections for people with pre-existing conditions, as well as allowing insurers to set annual and life time caps on the care they cover, would seriously undermine health security and leave many individuals with substandard protection... It is not in any way a health care bill. Rather, it is legislation whose aim is to take significant funding allocated by Congress for health care for very low income people and use that money for tax cuts for some of our wealthiest citizens. This is contrary to the spirit of who we are as a nation, a giant step backward that should be resisted." [4/26/17]